24th February 1930]

Public Health

Supply of drinking water in Namakkal and Tiruchengode taluks.

* 1478 *Q.*—Mr. BASHEER AHMED SAYEED: Will the hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) what steps have been taken by the Government to prevent the recurrence of water scarcity in Namakkal and Tiruchengode taluks;

(*b*) how many wells for drinking water have been dug by the Government in Namakkal and Tiruchengode taluks and whether any underground water survey has been carried out in the said taluks;

(*c*) what are the present sources of supply for drinking water in the taluks of Namakkal and Tiruchengode; and

(*d*) what is the present level of water in the drinking water tank at Namakkal and whether the Government have ascertained the period for which the present level of water would be sufficient?

A.—(*a*) The Government have made annually recurring grants to the Salem District Board varying from Rs. 22,921 to 41,229 for purposes of rural water-supply.

(*b*) Government have not employed any direct agency for the digging of wells: as stated in (*a*) above they have given grants to the district board for the purpose. No underground water survey has been made.

(*c*) Wells and tanks.

(*d*) The Government have no information.

Agriculture

Use of chemical manures in demonstration farms.

*1479 *Q.*—Mr. B. RAMACHANDRA REDDI: Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether chemical manures have been used in the several demonstration farms;

(*b*) if so, with what results;

(*c*) whether they have been found useful or injurious;

(*d*) whether yearly reports about the success achieved or failure observed in the several Government farms using those manures are being received and published; and

(*e*) if not, whether the Government will be pleased to publish them for the information of the public?

A.—(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) & (*c*) It is proposed to publish, in the near future, the results so far obtained in the form of a bulletin or as a series of bulletins.

(*d*) Yes. They are not published for sale but copies are placed in the Legislative Council Library

(*e*) The annual reports submitted by the subordinate officers of the agricultural department which contain the final results of the experiments and information on the lines of work being followed and which have not been made public hitherto will in future be made available to the public.

Mr. R. NAGAN GOWDA :—" May I know, Sir, with regard to answers to clauses (*b*) and (*c*) for how long these experiments have been carried on and whether the department has published even a single publication all this time ? "

The hon. Mr. M. R. SETURATNAM AYYAR :—" The reports are not published for sale but are placed in the Council library because they are of a technical nature. Hereafter, we are prepared to make it readable and publish them."

Mr. R. NAGAN GOWDA :—" May I know, Sir, how long these experiments have been carried on and whether any bulletins useful to the layman and agriculturists have been published so far ? "

The hon. Mr. M. R. SETURATNAM AYYAR :—" I cannot say the number of years but, we are publishing some bulletins now."

Mr. R. NAGAN GOWDA :—" May I know if it is true that a large number of experiments have been started and given up after two or three years ? "

The hon. Mr. M. R. SETURATNAM AYYAR :—" Notice, Sir."

Mr. R. NAGAN GOWDA :—" May I enquire why these publications are not for sale ? "

The hon. Mr. M. R. SETURATNAM AYYAR :—" As they are of a technical nature, they cannot be easily understood by the public."

Mr. R. NAGAN GOWDA :—" When will they be published ? "

The hon. Mr. M. R. SETURATNAM AYYAR :—" As soon as possible ; possibly next year."

Establishment of a sub-millet station at Adoni.

*1480 Q.—Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR : Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state— 11-30 a.m.

(*a*) whether suitable water has been found to be available in Adoni for the establishment of a sub-millet station in Adoni, Bellary district ; and

(*b*) if so, when the station will actually begin to work ?

A.—(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) It is expected that the station will begin work during 1930–31.

Mr. R. NAGAN GOWDA :—" May I know, Sir, if any provision has been made for the construction of buildings for this millet station ? "

The hon. Mr. M. R. SETURATNAM AYYAR :—" Yes."

Demonstration of better methods of cotton growing in Deccan.

*1481 Q.—Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR : Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government are satisfied that the early sowing of cotton means an yield almost four times as that of late sowing ; and

(*b*) if so, the measures taken by them to demonstrate the same to the ryot population of Deccan and other cotton growing areas ?